(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the consignments booked for Kozhikode are delivered after 10 days of bookings; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) The three letter city code allotted by International Air Transport Association (IATA) for Kozhikode is CCJ and for Kolkata it is CCU. Indian Airlines invariably dispatched the consignment to the destination it has been booked for. However, in recent past, one consignment booked from Delhi to Kozhikode was erroneously dispatched to Kolkata.

(c) Depending upon the availability of space/load, Indian Airlines dispatches the consignment booked by the first available service.

(d) Does not arise.

Employment of foreign pilots by airlines

2798. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines for airlines to employ foreign pilots; and

(b) the number of foreign pilots employed by different airlines with airline-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) *vide* Civil Aviation Requirements Section 7, Series "G" Part II dated 8.11.99 has issued guidelines for validation of foreign pilot licenses.

(b) The number of foreign pilots employed in Deccan Aviation, Air India Limited and Alliance Air is 31, 14 and 9 respectively. Besides, various non-scheduled operators namely Himalayan Heli Services, United Helicopters have employed 9 and 4 foreign pilots and one each by Essar, Reliance and Premier companies.